

THE TOWNS AROUND.

BARNET.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Gilman have returned to Barnet.

Alonso Potts of Kansas City was in town Wednesday calling on friends.

George I. Brown is laying the foundation for his shop just across the road from John C. Welch's house.

Scott Farnum had a new transformer put in and through some mistake in wiring all the lamps in factory and house were burned out the first time the electric fluid was turned on.

Cyrus Hoyt intends soon to come from Waterford and move into the house where his brother J. Q. Hoyt lived a few years ago.

At the annual church meeting on Jan. 29, Deacon A. S. Laughlin was re-elected for another term. J. T. Wallace, James Morgan and Scott Jameson were chosen business committee. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney were re-elected secretary and treasurer. Miss Laura Moore and Mrs. McLaughlin, examining committee to serve with pastor and deacons. Benevolences were reported between \$300 and \$400. Home expenses over \$900.

BARNET CENTER.
You are invited to a concert given by the well-known master of song, H. H. May, at Barnet Center church, Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Concert for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid society. Admission, adults, 15 cents; youths, 10 cents.

EAST BARNET.
H. L. Norris of St. Johnsbury spent last Saturday with friends here.

Miss Louise Clement closed a very successful term of school here last Friday.

Miss Daniels from St. Johnsbury was here one day this week tuning pianos. She tuned three.

There will be an oyster supper and promenade here next Friday evening, Feb. 11. All are very cordially invited.

The Roy Brothers have got settled in their new house. Mrs. Howland from West Burke is keeping house for them.

WEST BARNET.

Philip Adams was not absent during the winter term of the village school and Harold Conant, Fred Hastie, Carrie Chickering and Bernice Conant were not tardy.

WEST CONCORD.

Death of Charles H. Smith.

The grim messenger death has again come into our community and removed another landmark from our midst. At the town of the day, Feb. 4th, Charles H. Smith died at his residence in this place after a few days' illness with pneumonia.

Mr. Smith was born in Standish, Me., March 7, 1826. Leaving home when a mere boy he went to sea and was a sailor for more than 30 years, visiting in that time every country on the face of the globe. Being a true patriot he promptly enlisted in the American navy at the breaking out of the rebellion and fought through the war, coming out with a brilliant record for bravery. He was given a medal by special act of congress as a reward for bravery displayed on the famous iron-clad Monitor.

At the close of the war he left the sea and learned the blacksmith's trade. He came to this town over 30 years ago and has resided here most of the time since, working at his trade up to the very day he was taken with his last sickness.

Mr. Smith's rough sailor like ways, caused by his long sea-faring life, were only on the outside, for he was one of the most kind hearted and accommodating of men. Always ready to divide his last farthing with those in need and to extend a helping hand to any in trouble, yet when trouble and adversity came to him he bore it with a fortitude seldom equaled. Only last July when his home and almost all the property he possessed in the world was swept away by the flood in a single night he was never heard to complain but to express thanks that his family escaped with their lives and that it was not so bad as it might have been. Nevertheless it was a severe blow to him and he never fully recovered from it. He married Lucretia, daughter of Solon Brown, who with one daughter, Mrs. Lott Willey, and an adopted son, Leonard A. Smith, survive him. He also has two brothers and two sisters living. To the family thus so suddenly bereft of a kind husband and loving father the warmest sympathies are extended by all. The funeral was held at the Universalist church Sunday, February 6, Rev. H. H. Hoyt officiating, Woodbury Post, G. H. Wood, of which deceased was an honored member, attending in a body and gave their burial service.

Under the auspices of Red Clover Lodge, D. of R., "The Last Days of the Old District School" will be repeated in the Town hall this evening. There will be recited of the lessons of the term, recitations, compositions, reading, singing, etc., and a promenade will close the entertainment. There will be lots of fun of the old district style. Following are the scholars, etc., who will take part:

Prof. Codman, John Pratt, Prof. Dundup, L. W. Russell, W. Polk, Fred, D. W. Thomkins, Harvey Judewine, will call the following roll:

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Johnsbury, will speak at the Universalist church next Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Hoyt will speak at the Y. M. C. A. meeting at St. Johnsbury.

DANVILLE.
News from a Former Resident.

The following article, taken from the Stamford, Conn., Advocate, will interest the friends of a lady who taught school in this town 33 years. Her health is so poor that she receives a pension from the state of Connecticut for the rest of her life. Miss Davis has taught school 51 years, but for the past year has been unable to do any work. Here is the article: "Miss Myra J. Davis, so long the honored principal of the former Soldiers' Orphan's Home at Noroton, is now receiving her broken health in Stepany, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banks. Miss Davis' friends will be glad to know she is most pleasantly situated, and nothing is left undone that can contribute to her comfort or happiness. She has recently entertained her cousins, Mrs. Hurlbut of Chicago and Mrs. Dr. Bill of Bridgeport. Mrs. Hurlbut will be remembered as Miss Walker, who assisted Miss Davis in the Fitch Home school during the years 1876 and 1877. Mrs. Hurlbut came to New York city as a delegate of the Woman's Board of Missions of the interior to an interdenominational foreign missionary conference, being a meeting of delegates from the thirty-five foreign missionary boards of the United States and Canada."

The remains of Ernest Woodard, son of J. P. Woodard, late of Danville, were brought here from Boston for interment Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Badger visited friends at Greensboro last week.

Miss Ethel Bagley is sick again and has had to give up her school and Mrs. Pliny McDonald is completing the term.

Friends of Rev. F. E. Currier from West Danville gave him a pound party Tuesday evening.

Stockers Bros. have shipped two tons of sugar to California, where Fred Stocker, Jr., is finding a ready sale for the real Vermont product.

John C. Chalmers of North Danville has hired out to Stocker Bros. for one year.

James Crane is quite ill and his advanced age, 88 years, makes his recovery doubtful.

Albert M. Heath is getting out lumber and preparing to build a house and barn on and he has purchased of George Hodgden near William Pickett's.

The Eastern Star will hold a cobweb social at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 15.

Miss Sadie Colby, who has been teaching in Norwich, has been obliged to give up her school and return home on account of illness. She was accompanied here by Miss Maud Cloud of Norwich, who spent a few days in town.

E. K. Hill, for several years past foreman in the creamery here, has, in company with his brother, Archie Hill of Plainfield, purchased a large farm near Northfield and will devote his attention to farming.

O. V. Hale remains seriously ill and his oldest son is quite sick.

Frank Perkins is quite ill.

L. A. Brown and Salma Davis of Sheffield were in town Thursday looking over the creamery with a view of starting one in their town.

Phillips academy will close with an exhibition Friday evening, Feb. 18, when the students will give the play, "Messmates" at the town hall.

Mrs. Henry Danforth is quite ill, and her son, Will Danforth, of Hardwick, spent several days of last week in town.

J. H. Stevenson is quite sick.

Sam. C. McKenzie of Hardwick was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. D. P. Coveny is quite ill, and it is feared she may not recover.

Walter Deer has moved into the Craig house on the St. Johnsbury road and is preparing to build in the spring on land purchased of Luther Morrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Davis went to Boston Thursday, but will return to Danville again before sailing for South America.

Harrison Dow and his son, Rev. William Dow of Taftunboro, N. H., visited at F. J. Fry's last week.

G. A. Tinker has returned to Albany after a two weeks' visit to his son, J. E. Tinker.

Mrs. Henry Newell has returned from Johnson, where she has been caring for her daughter Sadie, who has been quite ill.

NORTH DANVILLE.

Harley Ranney was called to Sheffield the first of the week by the death of his brother.

Helen and Bruce Wakefield of Lyndonville are spending a few days with friends in this place.

Geo. Wells is failing. His son, B. U. Wells of the Lyndonville Journal, spent several days with him last week.

There is considerable sickness about here. Deacon Morrill's family are all sick, two children at Gardner Sanborn's have the mumps and W. O. Shattuck's youngest boy is seriously ill with stomach trouble.

The roof at DeBarn's lumber mill broke down under the weight of snow Saturday, injuring several men who were at work in the mill at the time. A man by the name of Howard had one leg broken, Fisher had an ankle broken, one man had his jaw broken, one his wrist and another was so seriously hurt that it is doubtful if he recovers.

The drama, "Meg, the Mountain Wife" was presented in a very pleasing manner Wednesday at Week's hall. Good music was furnished by local talent and the hall was well filled. The receipts were \$35. The actors decided to repeat the play the next evening, adding a laughable farce and a few comic songs.

WEST DANVILLE.

Mrs. Frye from Windsor Mills, P. Q., is visiting her brother, James Northrop, and her sister, Mrs. Emma Brickett, this week.

A large party went from here to Danville Tuesday evening to make a social call on Rev. F. E. Currier, enjoying a good time and a fine supper.

Mrs. Dow, widow of the late Winslow Dow, is dangerously ill.

School closed Friday evening with singing and dialogues by a teacher and scholars. A large number of village people were present and about \$10 was taken, which will get the school

a good flag with a little assistance from others in getting and setting the pole. Miss Mabel Kelsey is the teacher.

N. E. O. P. meets tomorrow evening. They are planning for a festival in the near future.

GASKILL.
Rev. George Smith of Gallup's Mills, ex-captain of the Salvation Army, will preach at the school-house next Sunday. Service begins at 2:45 p. m.

LYNDON.
Gordon B. Chase returned Saturday from a two weeks' stay in Montreal, where he received treatment for his eyes, which are much better.

About 40 people attended the Congregational church social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Walter last Friday evening. Don Gray's sled took 30 down and a merry time they had of it. A graphophone made much entertainment during the ride and the musicians in the party were also pressed into service.

Last Sunday was observed at the Congregational church as a Lincoln memorial anniversary at the request of the Vermont Sons of Veterans. The pastor preached on the topic "Christianity the Conservator of American Liberty."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gage have returned from a long visit in Massachusetts.

A dozen of the little playmates of Ruth Paris took supper with her Saturday in honor of her sixth birthday.

Ten scholars in the higher department of the graded school are rehearsing for prize-speaking to take place next Friday evening, as a closing event of the winter term. Miss Elsie Ranney of St. Johnsbury has been engaged to give the speakers instruction.

LYNDON CENTER.

Miss Lilla Carpenter has received from her uncle, Edwin Carpenter of Ramsey, N. J., a fine piano. Miss Carpenter is visiting friends in Wilmington, Del., and the piano will be an agreeable surprise on her return home.

The Institute Junior class will give a reception and promenade in Institute hall next Wednesday evening.

There will be a donation at the Free Baptist parsonage next Thursday evening for the benefit of Rev. C. E. Tedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Harris have returned from New York and are occupying L. B. Harris' farm in Wheelock.

Rev. Chas. S. Perkins, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here, will spend Sunday in town with Judge C. K. Hubbard. He will probably be invited to occupy his old place in the Baptist church pulpit.

LYNDONVILLE.

The first Sunday services in the new Methodist church were held last Sunday, and the seats were all occupied afternoon and evening. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. Rev. W. C. Johnson delivered two interesting and able sermons, one in the morning, his topic being "Freely have we received, freely give." The regular choir, Robert Childs, bass, Mrs. B. G. Morrison, soprano, Mrs. Ben. Pierce, alto, H. L. Parker, tenor, was assisted by H. W. Lyster, C. B. Eastman, bass, Mrs. Sissy of Littleton, N. H., Mrs. D. A. Paige, soprano, Miss Gertrude Knight, Mrs. Will Davis, alto, George Thompson, R. W. Howe, tenor. The music was very nicely rendered.

The value in the gong fixtures got out of order about 4 o'clock Sunday morning and caused the gong to blow for about half an hour, the watchman not understanding how to stop it. People took the noise for an alarm of fire and 30 or 40 were soon on the streets looking for flames.

Arrangements are completed for the 29th annual railroad ball to be held in Music hall Feb. 25. The Talma Ladies' orchestra of Providence, R. I., 10 pieces, will provide the music and an excellent selection the boys have made. The supper will be served at Webb's hotel. The hall will be no trouble from the cold as was experienced last year, the heating apparatus is sufficient for all demands.

Bub Miles' children have all been sick with diphtheria, one dying Saturday. The family have much sympathy from many friends.

The Sons of Veterans will give an entertainment in Music hall tomorrow evening in memory of Lincoln's birthday. Entertainment free. Relief corps will serve a sandwich supper from 6 to 7:30 for 10 cents.

A number from here will attend the closing concert of the Newport musical convention today.

An actor and actress from the Lyceum Theater Co. that has lately played for two weeks in this place and St. Johnsbury to so small houses that it left them in rather hard financial straits, appeared in town Tuesday and proceeded to advertise a benefit ball for themselves in Music hall that evening. An orchestra tendered their services free and when the time came to begin dancing there was nothing lacking except 40 women to supply that number of men present with partners. The actress was all right as far as she went, but the 49th man might have got a little tired of waiting for his turn to trip the light fantastic too.

The Commercial Union, New York Home, Hartford National and Niagara fire insurance companies had representatives here from the rating committee of northeastern Vermont Wednesday looking over the buildings with the object in view of decreasing the insurance rate. The owners of blocks here are anxiously awaiting their decision and see no reason why it should not be a favorable one.

Mrs. Carroll Granger and daughter Florence and mother, Mrs. Spaulding of Barre, are visiting Mrs. E. J. Blodgett.

Mrs. H. L. Parker returned Monday from Littleton, N. H., where she spent several days with relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Silsby, who has been visiting her brother, H. L. Parker, returned to her home in Littleton, N. H., Tuesday.

J. A. Thorne, architect, of St. Johnsbury, goes to New York next week to select the furnishings for Mrs. Julia Hutchins' greatly improved and remodeled house.

The Methodist society has received a \$50 check from Congressmen W. W. Groat to be applied toward the building expenses of the new church. During the dedicatory services last week Rev. W. C. Johnson made a report expressing deep gratitude for the help received outside the congregation. He said the whole cost of the church was \$3,200, and that they had hoped to have finished with a debt of not over \$500, but some necessary final expenses had left them with a debt of \$800. At the close of his report a collection was taken up which amounted to over \$100.

PASSAMUNIC.
The Passamunic Christian Endeavor society will hold a social and oyster supper in the vestry on Tuesday evening, Feb. 15. Supper served from six to eight o'clock. Admission 20 cents.

Guy Hill is sick with typhoid fever. All will unite in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The creamery have secured their ice for the coming season. All the ice that will be used around the better was obtained from the Fairbanks plant. The river ice will only be used for other purposes.

PIACHAM.
Farmers' meeting.

Farmers' meeting last Saturday was largely attended and much enjoyed by all present. Dinner was served in the Town hall, at which time about 150 were served. At 1 o'clock the meeting was called to order by C. A. Hutchinson, president. Papers were then read by H. B. Kinson, "Farming is honorable," C. A. Choate, "A familiar talk," Miss Mae Bolton, "J. P. M." by Mrs. J. K. Williams, "Barnyard," These topics were interspersed with songs by Mrs. Brown, Miss Harvey, Mr. Mackay, and choruses, also a reading by Miss Harvey.

Next came the treasurer's report, then the following officers were elected: President, R. B. Kinson; vice president, Jesse M. Clark; secretary and treasurer, Charles Kinson; executive committee, C. H. Choate, Frank Shaw, W. N. Blanchard.

Mrs. C. E. Robinson is visiting her mother in Lowell.

Jessie Vassart was obliged to leave her school at Barnet Center on account of sickness and came home last week, two days before it was to close. She has since been quite sick with tonsillitis.

Mr. Shepherd, who lived in the Gates' house at the Corner, sold all his household goods at auction last Thursday and has gone to Somerville, Mass.

F. E. Palmer has been in Boston the past week on business.

School at the Academy closes next week. The students will give a masquerade at the Town hall. The Ladies' Aid will furnish supper in the church parlors.

Some of our singers go to Barnet Center next week Tuesday evening to assist at a concert by Prof. H. H. May and his class at that place. Miss Harvey goes also as reader.

The Peacham singing class, who have drilled all winter under the direction of H. H. May, will give their closing concert Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. This will be a grand treat for all lovers of music as the class are doing some first work. Soloists will also be in attendance to assist.

Proceeds to defray expenses of the boys' school. Let every one interested come and enjoy the concert and help the class.

Remember Miss Harvey's recital at Academy hall tonight. This will be a rare treat for every one.

The house of Leonard Welch caught fire around the stove-pipe late Saturday and burned for some time between the floors. Mr. Welch and son Harry were both away at the time, but Harry arriving in season, tore up the chamber floor and succeeded in extinguishing it but not until it burned quite a little.

Miss Mary Calder is quite feeble.

Mrs. George Bigelow is very ill with her old trouble. Quite a sum of money was pledged for last week.

Union services at the Congregational church last Sunday morning conducted by Rev. L. H. Eliot of the Vermont Bible society.

M. M. Wheeler gave a lecture at the Methodist church this week on "My prison life at Andover."

George N. Smart has conversed with on his house lately purchased of Gardner Kewerson. He intends to make quite extensive repairs on it before he moves in the first of next month. Mr. Kewerson moves into the Gates house.

ST. JOHNSBURY EAST.

The many friends in the vicinity of Mrs. Luther Cheney sympathize with her in the loss which she has sustained in the amputation of one of her hands, made necessary by tuberculosis of the bones. Mrs. Cheney formerly resided here and her old friends and neighbors hope for her full recovery.

Mrs. Z. A. Lane has been confined to the house the past three weeks with a severe cold and narrowly escaped pneumonia.

Mrs. Charles Owens has sold her farm near West Concord to D. W. Woodbury. W. A. Graham has commenced work at Fairbanks shops.

Several from this village attended Russell Conwell's lecture.

TOWN REPORTS.

The Caledonian office is "sleeced and toed" for printing Town Reports. Its facilities have been greatly improved for the rapid dispatch of the work. Stock and workmanship the best. Correspondence of town officials having the printing in charge is solicited.

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